(*a*) Is it not a fact that in his first address to the Assembly in its June Session of 1927, the Dewan promised that the work would be taken up during the next three years and completed ?

(*b*) When was the work of construction of the *anicut* completed ?

(*c*) Was not the cost of the channel included in the estimate for the *anicut* ?

(*d*) What are the chief reasons for not starting the work yet ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—41. (*a*) The members' attention is invited to the printed copies of replies already given to the questions.

Assurances were no doubt given but it has not been possible to give effect to them owing to fiancial difficulties.

(*b*) June 1926.

(*c*) An estimate for the left bank channel was separately prepared and was not included in the estimate for the right bank channel and *anicut*.

(*d*) *Vide* answer to (*a*).

MR. B. SITARAMAIYA (Hiriyur Taluk).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The capacity of the Vani Vilasa Sagara in the Hiriyur Taluk and the quantity of water received in the lake during the year and in the previous years ; the loss caused by evaporation ; the quantity of water supplied for irrigation in the area under different crops during summer and monsoon (information to be supplied separately) ?

(*b*) Particulars of Government orders regulating water supply and the levy of water rate ?

(*c*) The extent of land under occupation in the channel villages ; the extent under wet cultivation ; the population (men and women) and the number of bullocks in these villages ; what was the highest extent of *thari atchkat* and in what years and what is the present wet *atchkat* ; whether it is a fact that 40 per cent of the occupied *atchkat* wet lands, *i.e*, about 4,000 acres, has been resumed to Government by revenue sale after the summer paddy

cultivation was stopped; has not the Government revenue thereby decreased by more than Rs. 30,000?

(*d*) Is the Government aware that the raiyats are cultivating paddy in the monsoon season this year (1933-34) much against their wishes in spite of many disadvantages?

(*e*) Have the following petitions and telegrams come to the notice of Government?

(i) Petition dated 13th July 1933 from about 90 per cent of the raiyats under Vani Vilasa Sagara and that from Representative Assembly Member Mr. B. Sitaramaiya, stating that monsoon paddy cultivation is impracticable and praying that water may not be given for it.

(ii) Telegram dated 14th July 1933.

(iii) Reply prepaid telegram of 19th July 1933.

(iv) Telegram of 21st July 1933.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—42. (*a*) Sluice

			Units.
	67	....	10,748
	124	....	95,360
	126	...	101,681

Statement appended (*vide* Appendix).

(*b*) G.O. No. 332-26—L.R. 13-27-15, dated 14th July 1928.

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(*c*) Extent under occupation		....	7,695-34
Extent under wet cultivation		....	7,128-29
Population	Men	10,264	
	Women	9,564	
Bullocks	....	4,182	
Highest extent of *thari atchkat* in 1923-24		....	13,180-0
Present *atchkat*	....	....	7,695-34

Including the Vaishaka and Karthika crops the area cultivated is 12,261-10, and 3,961-25 acres were resumed to Government. Out of this, 800 acres have been since re-occupied.

Yes. There has been a fall in the demand.

(*d*) Some raiyats are for and some against monsoon paddy.

(*e*) The petitions and telegrams have been received but Government have not verified what percentage of raiyats have sent the petition.